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COLONIALISM IS DEAD

Exports From "Bizonia"

Frankfurt, Feb. 3.—The combined Anglo-American zone exported £105,000,000 worth of goods since the end of the war in 1945, according to official figures issued here today.

The following is an analysis:
 1945—£20,525,000, 97 percent coal.
 1946—£28,000,000, 77 percent coal.
 1947—£55,500,000, 55 percent coal.

The main recipient of German exports was Europe, with 96 percent of the total.—Reuter.

Hitler To Be Tried "In Absentia"

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, are to be tried "in absentia" before a Munich denazification tribunal, it was disclosed here tonight.

Though they were reported to have committed suicide in the air raid bunker of the Reich's Chancellery on April 29, 1945, their bodies have not been found.

Delayed action in proceedings are being taken to clarify the position of their estates, according to an American Military Government legal expert.

"If the charges against them are upheld, then the tribunal can order all their property to be handed over to the State to be used as reparations."

Several other top-ranking war criminals will appear on the same charge sheet, including Hermann Goerring, the Luftwaffe chief who committed suicide shortly before he was due to be executed, and others who were hanged at Nuremberg or sentenced to prison sentences.

BIG JEWELLERY ROBBERY

Asco, Feb. 3.—Jewellery valued at £20,000 has been stolen from Sunningdale Park, near Egham, Surrey, where a "worth of £20,000" of jewellery was stored.

The robbery took place in the early hours of the morning in October, 1946.

The jewellery is understood to belong to Miss Marjorie Cunliffe-Owen, a relative of the late Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, the aircraft and tobacco magnate, who died in December.

Miss Cunliffe-Owen was out when the thieves entered her bedroom. Detectives found evidence that the robbery had been carefully planned—probably over some weeks in advance. Nobody heard the thieves at work.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Impediment To Rescue Work

TWO accidents involving substantial loss of life have occurred in the space of four days, and both contain features which call for investigation. An inquiry has been ordered into the Kwongtung disaster which, the public is entitled to expect, will probe not only the cause of the fire which sent passengers panicking, but what, if any safety precautions were available in the event of an emergency.

The collapse of a building in Queen's Road East on Monday night, which buried and killed ten people presents a distinctive problem. Chief apprehension is created by the admission that rescue operations had to be abandoned four hours after the collapse, and not resumed again until dawn the following day, because the PWD was unable to obtain sufficient artificial light for night operations. The decision which the responsible PWD official had to make to call off the rescue work was probably as distasteful to him, as it was grave.

Undoubtedly removal of the debris could not be continued in darkness, for the rest of the building gave all the appearance of collapsing, and the rescue workers would, themselves have been seriously endangered. It is also a fact that operations were impeded by the manner in which the debris had spread itself across the main approach to the wrecked building. These are factors which,

Queen Wilhelmina's Broadcast

The Hague, Feb. 3.—Queen Wilhelmina, broadcasting tonight to Holland's wartime allies about the new Indonesia and its place in the Dutch Commonwealth, said: "Colonialism is dead."

She added: "The people of our Commonwealth have reached a memorable goal. A free Federated Indonesia is about to take its place among the democratic nations of the world."

Queen Wilhelmina said a pattern of the United States of Indonesia, forming a union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles, was rapidly taking shape.

She added that common man was still far from being free from fear and want in these parts of Indonesia where former masters still committing murder, pillage and arson.

The powers of anarchy and disorder will be overcome because the Indonesian peoples are determined to take up the responsibility and obligations of a democratic self-government.

PATTERN FOR ASIA?
 "It may well be that the solution being reached in Indonesia will set the pattern for solution in wider parts of Asia."

Addressed with many tributes of the earth, the United States of Indonesia take a great share in the common fight against famine and need.

Queen Wilhelmina declared: "Seven years ago, when Holland was under Nazi oppression, I announced to my countrymen the intention to establish a new relationship between the Netherlands and the other parts of our Commonwealth."

"A year later, in the midst of the war, an outline of the new relationship was traced. Today this partnership is a living reality, rapidly taking final shape the United States of Indonesia forming a union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles."

PERMANENT EXPRESSION

Queen Wilhelmina continued: "In the darkest period of the war, the great President, my unforgettable friend, together with Britain, valiant champion for freedom, found a permanent expression for our common purpose, which reached even beyond the immediate aim of each country's independence."

"We were to make the world free from fear and free from want; to make it a place where man would be free to worship God in his own way and free to speak his mind."

"It makes me happy that men in Indonesia and here have found the wisdom and the skill to create forms of government that will guarantee to many millions of people all the freedoms and the rights for which

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The "Divine" MacArthur

Wellington, Feb. 3.—General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, had assumed the divinity renounced by the Japanese Emperor, Brigadier R. H. Quilliam, chief New Zealand prosecutor at the Japanese war trials in Tokyo, declared today.

In a speech to the Rotary Club on his return from the trials, Brigadier Quilliam said: "The Emperor has renounced his divinity. It has been taken by General MacArthur."

"He has surrounded himself with a staff which I think is most incompetent for the job they are doing."

"They might be excellent soldiers, but as civil administrators, they are hopeless."

They comprised the most rigid example of officialdom he had had the misfortune to deal with, he said.—Reuter.

Lords To Throw Out Reform Bill

London, Feb. 3.—The Conservative-dominated House of Lords will tomorrow throw out the Labour Government's Bill to cut to one year the peers' powers of delaying legislation unless in the interval the Cabinet offers certain concessions.

The Government was tonight considering an Opposition proposal made in the debate today, for immediately convening an inter-party conference to consider the controversial issues raised by the Bill.

Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal, promised to give the Government's reply tomorrow.

The House of Lords today seemed disposed to accept the Government's offer of immediate all-party talks on general reform of the House of Lords, provided the bill was either passed or rejected before the end of this session.

But they were suspicious of what they described as an "ambiguity" in the Government's offer. They feared that under the Government's proposed terms of reference for the conference, the House of Lords power to veto might go by default.

OPPOSITION PROPOSAL
 In the House of Lords tonight, the Opposition leader, Lord Salisbury, urged Lord Addison to accept a formula that would remove this alleged ambiguity.

He proposed the adjournment of the debate and an immediate inter-party conference.

This proposal would be contingent on two understandings: 1.—that the discussions on the House of Lords powers should not extend to those they already have; 2.—that the discussions be limited to ensuring a reasonable time for the consideration of measures by the House of Lords for Parliamentary discussion of the differences between the House of Lords and the House of Commons and for the provision of a period of delay if the two Houses differed.

Whatever the outcome tomorrow, the Parliament Bill, which is designed to ensure the nationalisation of the iron and steel industry within two years.

This is the maximum period the House of Lords can delay a measure sent from the House of Commons.

If the Government yields, the debate, which started last Tuesday but was adjourned until yesterday so that an earlier Opposition proposal could be considered, will again be adjourned, and for the moment the Parliament Bill will escape defeat.

If the Government refuses further concessions, the House of Lords will doubtless carry their opposition to a vote, which must result in the throwing out of the Bill.

The Bill is at present being discussed on the second reading with the Government asking for approval in principle.

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

SHALL LONDON RADIO-PHONE

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The first radio-telephone conversation between Shanghai and London since 1937 was held yesterday afternoon when the Chinese Government Radio Administration conducted a test preliminary to the opening of the line.

Mr T. C. Lo, managing director of the CGRA, conversed with Mr J. Paley, engineer of the overseas telephone department of the British Post Office, for several minutes.

The tests are to continue throughout this week except Sunday and it is hoped the service may shortly be made available to the general public.

CGRA, meanwhile, has received information from the Government Purchasing Commission in Britain that new transmitters and other equipment will be shipped to Shanghai shortly, and it is expected that upon their arrival, services will be started with other European countries and South America.

A radio-telephone circuit between Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila is also being contemplated.—Reuter.

ARAB PLOT ALLEGED

Jewish Agency's Complaint To UN

Lake Success, Feb. 3.—The Jewish Agency for Palestine formally appeared today for Security Council action under Chapter 7 of the Charter against what they alleged to be an Arab plot to overthrow the United Nations Palestine decision by force.

In a memorandum to the United Nations Palestine Commission, the Agency submitted evidence of alleged violations of the United Nations Charter by the seven nations of the Arab League.

The Arab nations are accused of running a campaign of threats, incitement and propaganda and of direct acts of aggression against the Jewish settlements of Dan, Kfar Sze and Yehiam on January 9, 14 and 21 and of preparing further aggression.

The Agency described these activities as a "total assault upon the principles of the Charter and the authority of the United Nations."

THE ACCUSATIONS

It accused the Arab states of violating Article 1 of the Charter by "taking effective collective measures for the creation of threats to peace" and the encouragement of "acts of aggression" and of defying Article 2 by employing "in their international relations the threat or use of force."

The Arab states are accused further of "defying Article 2, Paragraph 5, by declining to give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the present Charter; ignoring the General Assembly's appeal of November 29 to abstain from any act which might hamper or delay the carrying out of its resolution on Palestine; flouting the unanimous General Assembly anti-war-mongering resolution of October 29, 1947; conspiring against the lives of United Nations representatives and officers; and undermining the basic purpose of the United Nations that an armed force shall not be used except in the common interest of the United Nations."

The appeal alleged complicity by Syria and the Lebanon in the attacks on Jewish settlements in Galilee, stating that speeches to the Lebanese Chamber of Deputies by the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister made it clear that the invasion was organised by the Defence Ministers of Syria and the Lebanon, who had gone to Merj Ayun to supervise the attacks.

"MURDEROUS ACTS"

The appeal referred to the "murderous acts against the Jewish population by the Transjordan Arab Legion, a foreign army maintained in Palestine under British command."

The Agency added that these acts, "for which responsibility falls on the mandatory government," would be a separate memorandum.

The appeal declared that Arab mobilisation was in full swing in the Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq, and that arms were being purchased in the European market and that the Arab forces were filtering into Palestine from Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan.

"In Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon, an insidious campaign of extortion has been carried out against helpless communities which are forced to contribute to the Arab war chest on the threat of personal and property injury," it added.—Reuter.

INDIAN SOCIALIST LEADER WANTS PATEL OUSTED

New Delhi, Feb. 3.—A "Resign" call to the Indian Government "in symbolic atonement for the vile deed" of Mr Gandhi's assassination was made today by Jai Prakash Narain, the Indian Socialist Party leader. He issued the call jointly with two other members of the Party Executive.

They urged a change in the Home and Information Ministries, both held now by Sardar Vallabhai Patel, when the Government was reformed. "The Home Ministry must be entrusted to a Minister who will be able and willing to curb organisations of communal hate," they said.

The Indian Socialist Party has become prominent during the last few days because of its organisation of anti-communal demonstrations in which Narain has taken an important part.

During the demonstrations, there have been shouts of "Victory for Gandhi" and "Drive out the enemies of Nehru."

Investigations after Mr Gandhi's death have enabled the police to place together the outline of the plot involving conspirators from all parts of the Dominion, but mainly centred in Bombay and Delhi, it was learned today.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police and a high officer of the Bombay Criminal Investigation Department flew to New Delhi today to discuss speedily the investigations.

The police last night arrested 22 people in Bombay in a house-to-house search.

SUICIDE SQUADS

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the militant Hindu volunteer organisation, some of whose leaders have been arrested since Mahatma Gandhi's death, were preparing suicide squads to "kill or get killed" the pro-Communist New Delhi Hindustan Times reported today.

In a long article outlining the history of the organisation, the paper said the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was a "secret society which does not believe in the method of the ballot box."

"Its chief aim is to create hatred against Moslems and to organise public opinion and action to that end."

The paper said that the RSS had now begun to work "on Fascist lines." It alleged that the secret of the organisation's working and activities were imparted only to those selected for military training and those in inner circle of workers were asked to collect firearms and ammunition.

All instructors of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh were directed by the central office to learn military drill. Special attempts were made to get Government employees in the subordinate services and members of the police into the organisation.

MOBILE COURIERS

The Hindustan Times said the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh officials sent all important news and instructions by couriers who used vehicles ranging from jeeps to cycles.

The organisation's literature emphasised the greatness of Hinduism and the chivalry of Hindu heroes, the paper stated.

The paper declared: "The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is the nucleus of a private army which, under the cover of physical culture, attacks men and infects them with the cry 'Hinduism is in danger.'"

The paper said that no government "can tolerate a secret society whose leader tells the inner circle 'I have the means whereby our opponents can be immediately silenced.'"

EXTREMIST ARRESTED

New Delhi, Feb. 3.—Dispatches from Nagpur said today that the police seized the chief organiser of a Hindu extremist group linked with Gandhi's assassination after beating off a frenzied mob which tried to burn his offices there.

The government announced that the police rounded more than 300 Hindu extremists in a drive to break up groups believed to have been involved in the Gandhi assassination.

The prize catch of the "fourth straight day campaign against the Hindu Mahasabha organisation and its striking arm, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh," was reported from Nagpur, capital of India's central provinces.

The dispatches said that the top organiser of the Rashtriya-semi-military extremist youth group—was seized there. The government yesterday banned all private political parties. The police raided the Rashtriya headquarters at Nagpur and beat off a mob which struggled resolutely to burn the place and captured the organiser who was named Golwalkar.

In Delhi the police dispersed a procession heading for the Assembly Building for a demonstration in support of demands for stern government action against the extremists.

Infuriated Democrats

Washington, Feb. 3.—Southern Democrats, described as "boiling mad" over President Truman's appeals for legislation to stamp out racial discrimination against the negro, were said today to be discussing the possibility of withdrawing their support from his candidature for re-election and naming a candidate of their own in the November elections.—Reuter.

MARSHALL PLAN OPPOSITION

Union Demonstrates

Washington, Feb. 3.—In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State said any move by Congress to cut America's contribution for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan below \$6,800 million would "jeopardise the success of the programme."

While Mr Marshall defended his programme on the flank, a new attack broke out on another, with demonstrators carrying banners inscribed "The Marshall Plan Means Scamming Starve" and "Stop Ship Transfers" parading in front of the State Department.

The demonstration was organised by the National Maritime Union, who are opposed to the proposal that 500 American merchantmen be either sold or transferred to Europe.

CIO SUPPORT

In a statement filed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the Marshall Plan, Mr Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations—one of America's biggest trade unions bodies—has declared that a deep cut in the cost of the plan would be "well nigh criminal."

He said that a cut of as much as \$1,000 million in the \$6,800 million starting cost of the Marshall Plan would make it "merely a relief programme—and nothing more."

Mr Murray said that furthermore the European recovery programme should run at least until the middle of 1952, as requested by President Truman.

Mr Murray's statement, which was presented by Mr James Carey, the CIO Secretary, said: "No practical man or group could hope to bring about the needed rehabilitation in fewer than four years at the very minimum."

The statement supported the previous testimony on the American Federation of Labor by its leaders with the view that "the CIO firmly opposes any further transfers of vessels from the United States that to foreign registry and endorses the carriage of relief goods in American bottoms."—Reuter.

PRISON BOMBED

Jerusalem, Feb. 3.—Jerusalem's Central Prison was bombed and raked with heavy fire by armed Arabs tonight, presumably to cover an attempted escape by Arab prisoners.

Two Arab prisoners escaped and a British constable was wounded.—Reuter.

935 Found Life Unbearable In Shanghai During 1947

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—Three hundred and fifty-one persons committed suicide in Shanghai during 1947 while 584 others had their attempts foiled, police statistics disclose.

During the year, police records show, 477 men and 458 women attempted to end their lives resulting in 351 fatalities. They included nine persons who were above 60 years old, but the largest number of persons who tried to kill themselves was in the 20-29 age bracket—451. Two hundred and twenty-two who attempted suicide during the year were in the 30-39 age bracket.

Police records also showed that 233 who tried to kill themselves were jobless and 344 were elementary school graduates.

Lingering illness caused 117 persons to end their own lives, marital

difficulties 33 others, and loss of employment 61 more. Fifteen persons tried suicide because they were denied freedom to marry.

Poisoning was by far the most popular method chosen by the would-be suicides, 539 persons trying to remove themselves from this world via that route.

Industrial accidents claimed 97 casualties. In all, 647 were killed and 1,216 injured in 1948 in accidents and robberies, fist fights, stabbings and shootings.

There were 7,846 traffic accidents during 1947, causing death to 270 and injuries to 2,400. Five hundred ninety-four Chinese army vehicles and 181 American military vehicles were among the cars involved in accidents.

During the year, 272 bodies were picked up on the streets, mostly during the cold weather. They included 373 children, 260 men and 50 women.—United Press.

Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Here are ideas for small girls.

HOLLYWOOD TIPS
 "Dear Lois Leeds: I am 12 years old. Should I wash my hair every week or go to the beauty shop once a month? TEENY."
 You should shampoo your hair once a week. That is the only way that you will have shining, clean hair. You can learn to do a good shampoo. Just remember to soap well, rub well and rinse well. Never take less than three good rinsings in clear, cool water after shampooing. Sun your hair to dry it and brush and brush and BRUSH!

"Dear Lois Leeds: I am only ten years old but I have dry hands. The other kids laugh when I use hand lotion. MARY."

You must learn early in life to stand on your own feet and do for yourself the thing that you know to be important. So keep your hands nice and maybe some of your friends will learn to do the same. But you keep using your hand lotion and forget about them!

"Dear Lois Leeds: My little girl is to be a flower girl at a large, formal wedding. What should she wear? MOMMIE."

Minute Makeups
 by GABRIELLE



A good eye lotion is a must in any beauty chest. Wash your eyes every time you cleanse your skin. And here's a One Minute eye exercise. Close and open, close and open your eyes. This alleviates eye strain and it's a Star Trick practised on the movie sets when the lights are too bright!

EVENING OUTLINE IN GREY WOOL



This Rima evening dress of soft grey wool features strapless bodice, with peplum drapery forming panniers on very full skirt.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, I've learned loads this semester—a simple hairdo, natural fingernails and neat shoes are preferred by nearly all the boys!"

Destitute Europeans In Singapore Lead Miserable Existence

More than 1,200 destitute southern Europeans, stranded in Singapore, are living under shocking conditions awaiting passages to Australia. The migrants are all undernourished, some in poor mental condition. Two of them have already committed suicide.

Spied Out Portsmouth Secrets

Two young soldiers, Gunners M. S. Cooper and M. A. Garret, of the 17th Training Regiment, R. A., have patercashed the Royal Navy's Portsmouth preserve and spied out secrets.

Dispatched on an initiative test, they were given 24 hours and one shilling to get into Portsmouth Dockyard, obtain names of warships in harbour for the last 10 days and signatures of commanding officers.

They walked most of the way to Portsmouth during the hours of darkness. Having passed the Dockyard Police, they obtained the signature of the Captain of the cruiser Sirius and had an unofficial breakfast on board.

The aircraft carrier Illustrious, the cruiser Cleopatra, the destroyer Cadiz and the Dockyard control tower.

Saw Lord Fraser

Afterwards they went to the battleship Duke of York, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet, and in addition to getting the Captain's signature had dinner in the Royal Marine mess deck in the ship. They subsequently visited the cruisers Belfast and Dido.

Their most highly prized objective was H.M.S. Victory, where having obtained the Commanding Officer's signature they saw the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, Admiral Lord Fraser, who was lunching in Nelson's 180-year-old flagship. They obtained his autograph, and Lord Fraser failed to them for half an hour.

They also found out the number of men on guard duty in the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth at night. After boarding the Queen Elizabeth at Southampton they hitchhiked back to camp with their shilling unspent.

Mediterranean Strategy

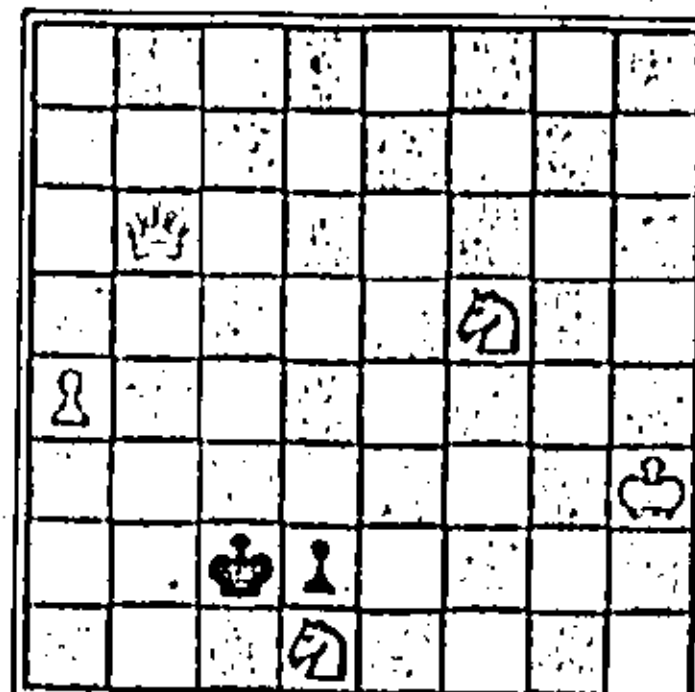
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along the Northern African coast and those beyond the Canal. It is no longer likely that anyone will listen to Hitler's remarkable claim to a trusteeship over one or more of these colonies, but their future is at present the subject of Four-Power examination, and Russia will no doubt do her best to neutralize them, as Trieste has been neutralized, by having them placed under an unworkable regime. It is to be hoped that the Western Powers will have learned their lesson from Trieste, and will now be firmer in safeguarding their interests.

Anglo-Egyptian Relations

Finally, there is the key country, Egypt. An Egypt weak and unprotected would be a temptation to any expanding Power. Through the effects of her own social system, she is particularly vulnerable to Communist propaganda, and as an unaided military force she would inevitably succumb to attack. It was one of the great misfortunes of 1947 that Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, which came so near fruition and seemed to offer Egypt both the reality of independence and the prospect of security, should have ended in total breakdown and in much bad feeling. The news that the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, has returned to London for consultations on the whole range of Anglo-Egyptian relations suggests that a new attempt may soon be made to close the gap. Nothing would do more to consolidate the Middle East than a new Anglo-Egyptian treaty which was approved by both nations.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ROEGNER
Black, 2 pieces.

White, 5 pieces
 White to play and mate in three.
 Solution to yesterday's problem:
 1. B-KT1, any; 2. Q, R, R1, or P mates.

Children and babies are sharing rooms with beachcombers, defecated rickshaw-pullers, abandoned Chinese children reports the Singapore correspondent of the publication, Fact.

Since the liberation, Singapore has had a fluctuating population of Greeks, Maltese, Armenians, Jews and Lebanese migrants on their way to Australia from civil war, political disorder and hunger.

Most of them reached Singapore from Mediterranean ports via India, in small freight ships, to find passages to Australia booked out for three months and air passages for three weeks.

Their savings are quickly spent in Singapore where hotel accommodation is costly.

They are left without their fare, and must then find jobs to save it again.

Mad With Misery

Sweating in the tropical heat in heavy, large suits, the migrants beg for assistance to keep alive.

Daddy they beseege the Australian Government Commissioner's office, tourist agencies, shipping firms and consulates.

A Greek held up in Singapore for three months went violently mad in the office of a travel agency, when told no berths were available.

A Maltese boarded a ship, although he had no berth, left his luggage aboard, and wandered away in amnesia. He is now in an asylum.

Creditable institutions, including the Y.M.C.A., are looking after the migrants.

Worse Than Internment

The Australian Commissioner's office has arranged with the Singapore Government to place many of them in a social welfare home, where they pay according to their means and eat a Government-subsidized rice ration.

Australian professional wrestler Con Balas is acting as interpreter for stranded Greeks, and has assisted some of them financially.

He said he had seen some people living worse in Singapore than he had in an internment camp.

"Their money has been eaten up by crazy living costs," he said.

The longest-known stranding was a Maltese youth who lived for 12 months in the Y.M.C.A. before saving enough for a passage.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the author who completed the novel by Charles Dickens, "Mystery of Edwin Drood."
2. Who was Sancho Panza?
3. To what fish family does the goldfish belong?
4. How many toes does a cat have?
5. Locate the Denmark Strait.
6. Where in the United States is rice grown?

(Answers on Page 4)

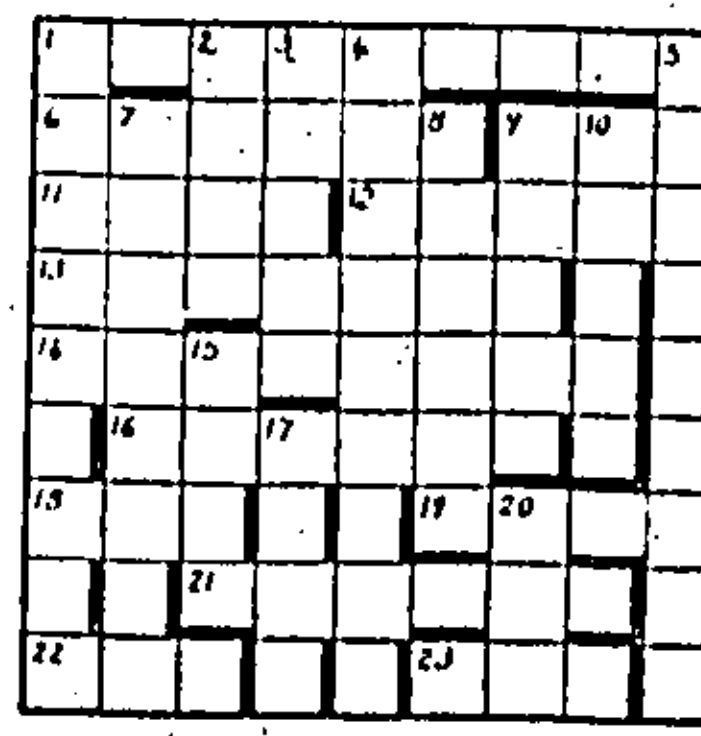
Rupert and the Big Bang—34



When they are nearly out of breath the young friends put the big firework down on a level place between two boulders. "Now are you going to put a match to it and let us see it go off?" asks Rupert. "To fear," cries Bingo, "I want to be a long way off when this thing goes bang." To Rupert's surprise he returns to his workshop in the ruins and brings back a bag. Then he carefully lays a trail of gunpowder away from the firework.

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CROSSWORD



Across
 1. Make smooth. (9)
 2. Spread with ointment. (8)
 3. Able to contain. (3)
 4. Twelve o'clock. (4)
 5. An arresting command. (5)
 6. Allow. (7)
 7. An owl's hunch is sometimes described. (1)
 8. An apology for laughter. (6)

Down
 9. Sing to and this for ocean travel. (5)
 10. Found in the diet antier. (4)
 11. Sounds a uniform way of being bad tempered. (6)
 12. Has this for a staggering result. (3)
 13. There is something fishy about this following the P.L.A. (3)
 14. Fear. (1)
 15. Cleanse. (5)
 16. Something to spur one on. (9)
 17. Lively. (10)
 18. On no diet in the middle of the day. (8)
 19. Trace this alteration. (5)
 20. Words said to oneself. (5)
 21. This age is well known on the farm. (4)
 22. One of two. (4)
 23. The circle segment in the direction of. (3)
 24. A Greek word for a puzzle. (Across)
 25. A Greek word for a puzzle. (Across)
 26. A Greek word for a puzzle. (Across)
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 30. A Greek word for a puzzle. (Across)



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Shrewd Deduction Sets Four Hearts

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

7653	102
AK43	Q97
Q97	AK43
K4	762
AKJ9	102
108	Q97
1043	AK43
1095	762
AK8	102
J7652	Q97
AKJ102	AK43
3	762

Rubber—Neither vul.
 South—West North East
 1♥ 1♠ 3♥ 4♠
 Pass Pass 3♥ Pass
 Opening—4♥ 10 14

CHARLES H. GOREN's teachers' convention, held recently at the Hotel Pines in New York, was the first convention of bridge teachers held since before the war. It was a pleasure to see many of the old-timers there.

The first teachers' convention that I attended was back in 1928 with Milton Work. Bridge teachers are in demand right now because more and more people are discovering that bridge has a lot to offer them, not only as an intellectual pastime, but also in sociability and companionship.

Mrs. A. Leonard Guitler of St. Joseph, Mo., showed me some of the hands she uses in lessons, and today's hand is one of them.

When declarer goes up with dummy's king of clubs on the opening lead, East wins. Now the average player might lay down the queen of clubs, declarer would trump it, pick up the adverse trumps and make ten tricks in diamonds and hearts.

Mrs. Guitler pointed out that the ten and deuce of spades are ideal cards in East's hand. West had bid spades, so instead of trying to cash a club, East should return the ten of spades. South covers. West wins with the ace and cashes the queen of spades, on which East plays the deuce. This tells West that East has no more spades.

South does not have the ace and king of hearts in his hand, and therefore, in order to justify the bidding, he must hold the ace and king of diamonds. It may be that South's opening bid was made without a top honor in hearts, and on that basis, Mrs. Guitler said that West can make a very line defensive play by leading the jack of spades. This gives East the opportunity to ruff with the queen of hearts and set the contract.

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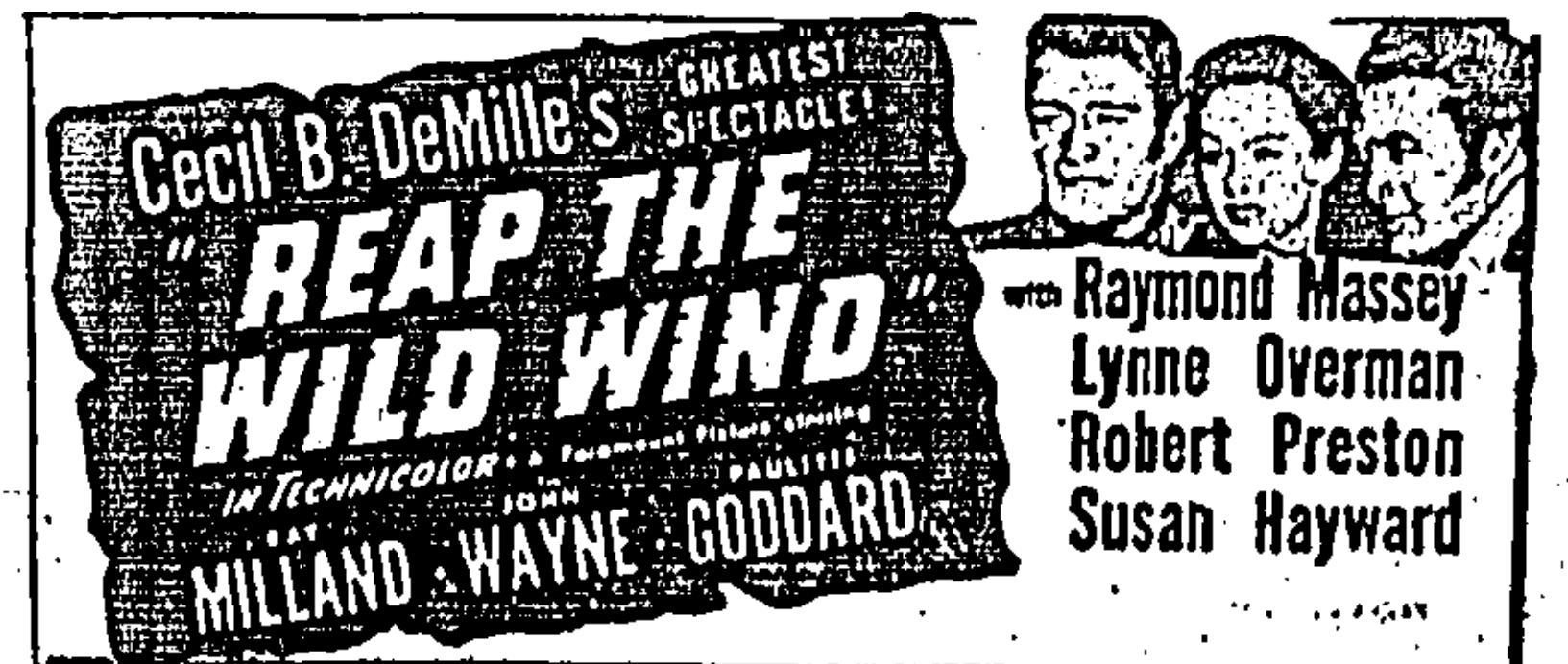
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A COLUMBIA PICTURE

ANTI-COMMUNIST DEFENCE LINE'S SUCCESS NOTED

New York, Feb. 3.—Russian complaints against American military activities serve principally to emphasise the success with which the U.S. is building the world-wide defence line against Communist aggression.

BRITAIN PROTESTS TO RUMANIA

London, Feb. 3.—Britain has sent a strong note to Rumania, protesting against the infringement of the human rights clause of the Rumanian peace treaty, implied in the recent prison sentences on Dr. Iuliu Maniu, and other leaders of the National Peasant Party.

A similar note has been despatched by the United States. The British Government avoided sending protest notes during the trial of Dr. Maniu and his supporters following Bulgarian allegations that intervention from London and Washington made the death sentence on M. Nikola Petkov, the Bulgarian Opposition leader, who was executed last autumn, inevitable.

Dr. Maniu was sentenced to solitary confinement for life on November 11, and his leading supporters received long prison sentences. The death penalty had been previously abolished in Rumania. The National Peasant Party politicians were charged with high treason and forming foreign interference in Rumania. Allegations of illicit contacts with members of the British and United States political missions in Bucharest played an important part in the evidence.

The view in Britain is that the charges of high treason were never proved, that the trials had a highly political character, the main purpose being to eliminate the non-Communist opposition in Rumania and that they were not in accordance with Article 3 of the Rumanian peace treaty, which guarantees enjoyment of the normal political liberties, including the freedom of "political opinion and public meeting".—Reuter.

SPORT:

30 NATIONS TO CONTEST DAVIS CUP

New York, Feb. 3.—Twenty-nine nations have challenged the United States for the Davis Cup, it was officially announced here today.

The draw to determine the order of play will be made later this week. All four of the challenger nations have elected to compete in the European zone. Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico have entered for the North American zone.

Competing in the European zone will be: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Last year 22 nations challenged for this greatest lawn tennis trophy in the world.

Eleven countries in this year's competition did not enter in 1947. On the other hand, Greece, South Africa, Monaco and New Zealand, all of whom competed last year, are not among the challengers this time.—Reuter.

SWIMMING RECORD

Pennsylvania, Feb. 3.—Bob Sohl, of Michigan University, swam the 100 yards breaststroke here in the new world record time of 60 seconds flat, bettering the official mark for the distance by five-tenths of a second.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC FLAG STOLEN

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—The historic Olympic flag was tonight stolen from its mast over the Olympic ice stadium here, probably by an over-ambitious souvenir hunter.—Reuter.

Match Postponed

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—Owing to the bad conditions of the ice due to the hot sun, the ice-hockey match between Switzerland and Britain was postponed, much to the disappointment of the huge crowd that gathered to watch.

There is also no chance of resuming the women's figure skating owing to ice conditions, and the start will now be made with the third figure at tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS TO SKATE

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—The Soviet Union will send speed skating representatives to the European championships at Hamar, Norway, next week. The Russians have paid their subscription to the International Skating Union during its meetings here and two of the best skaters in the Soviet Union, Kudrachev, 500 metres ace, and Petrov, 1,500 metres skater, will contest European titles against the best skaters on the Continent.—Reuter.

Brave Lifboatmen

London, Feb. 3.—Last month, British lifboatmen made 50 rescue attempts and saved 82 lives. The crews received rewards totalling £1,050.—Reuter.

Since President Truman announced the programme last March, Russia has been in the position of a man who is tied up in such a fashion that his bonds tighten if he struggles. The Soviets could have lived comfortably within their own boundaries, and even could have been admitted to a respectable place in a world which would have preferred to spend its energy on postwar rehabilitation. But they have continued their efforts to expand, and so have hardened the hand of the world against themselves. Then they complain.

They are complaining about the Marshall Plan in Western Europe, the American refusal to let them gobble up Greece, Turkey and Iran, and their exclusion from Japan and Southeast Asia as they have excluded America from North Korea, Manchuria and Central Europe.

They thought Britain was too poor and America too near a depression to bother them when they launched their postwar expansion programme.

Britain's Role

But Britain is coming back for what once looked like near retirement from the Middle East. She is trying to realize the Arab states into an anti-Communist bloc, and is arming them. The United States has expanded in the same area in terrific fashion, is now supporting large armies in Greece and Turkey and backing them with naval power, and is making a start on a similar programme in Iran. An important arms deal with Iran is now in the making.

There is every prospect that within a few months, there will be a unification of anti-Communist military strength throughout Western Europe by means of treaties and arms standardization. Russian protests over U.S. aerial surveillance of her Pacific shipping in the Japanese sector probably is only the first of many things she will find to complain about in that area. America is about to throw her full weight behind the Nationalist Government which is fighting the Chinese Communists in China.

Policing The Pacific

By the time the occupation of Japan ends—even if international developments permit that within a relatively short time—America will be ready to police the Pacific. Outposts which were quickly overrun by the Japanese last time are now being fitted to become great bases for both aerial and naval striking forces.

The U.S. Army is spending many millions of dollars for a vast permanent base on Okinawa alone. Contracts for nearly US\$20,000,000 worth of troop housing were let a year and a half ago, and other great construction projects are under way. All of these efforts are defensive and even distasteful. But they will continue, complaints or on complaints, until such time as Communist imperialism is suppressed or ceases to be aggressive.

The big hope is that they will convince the Russians that the ships are down, that they cannot cross the

line without breaking world peace, and that they may thus be prevented from taking chances.—Associated Press.

Protest Being Studied

Washington, Feb. 3.—A Soviet protest against alleged instances of American planes flying over Soviet vessels in the Yellow Sea is under study by the American State Department.

A State Department spokesman said today the Russians accused American pilots of having circled low over Soviet ships 10 different times between August 30 and October 22 last year.

The note, sent by Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, accused the United States of violating the "freedom of commercial navigation" and said that Russia expects the United States to "give the necessary instructions to the appropriate military authorities regarding the inadmissibility of such violations in the future".—Reuter.

Persia's Reply

Teheran, Feb. 3.—The Persian Government is preparing a reply to the recent Soviet note protesting against the activities of the United States military mission in Persia. It was officially announced here today. The announcement said that the reply to the note, which was now being studied in "competent Persian circles", would be handed over to the Soviet Embassy in due course.

Authoritative Persian sources today categorically rejected the charges in the Soviet note, which had declared that the activity of the American mission was a threat to the border of the Soviet Union.

Mission Denial

Members of the American mission and the United States-Persian Air Company also denied the Soviet allegations.

The left wing newspaper, Iran Ma, wrote today: "If our government does not act promptly to restrict the activities of the officers of the United States, it will be responsible for the consequences."

These activities are against the 1921 treaty of friendship with Soviet Russia.

Foreign observers here said today that the Soviet note constituted the Soviet reaction to the rejection by the Majlis (Persian Parliament) last October of the proposed Soviet-Persian agreement for Soviet oil rights in North Persia.—Reuter.

IRAQIAN PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

Baghdad, Feb. 3.—A royal decree announced today the adjournment of the Iraqi Parliament for 50 days.

Hamid Pachachi, the Foreign Minister, and two other Cabinet Ministers will represent Iraq at the Arab League meeting at Cairo on February 7. It was also announced.

The delegation will leave for Cairo shortly.

Iraq's new Cabinet, led by Syed Mohamed Alsadr, former President of the Senate, was formed five days ago to replace the government of Sayid Salih Jabur, which resigned after days of rioting in protest against the treaty with Britain, signed at Portsmouth on January 15. It was reliably learned in Baghdad yesterday that the Iraqi Ministerial Committee, formed to deal with the Anglo-Iraq treaty, had decided to reject the treaty.—Reuter.

Anti-Communist Viet Nam Rally

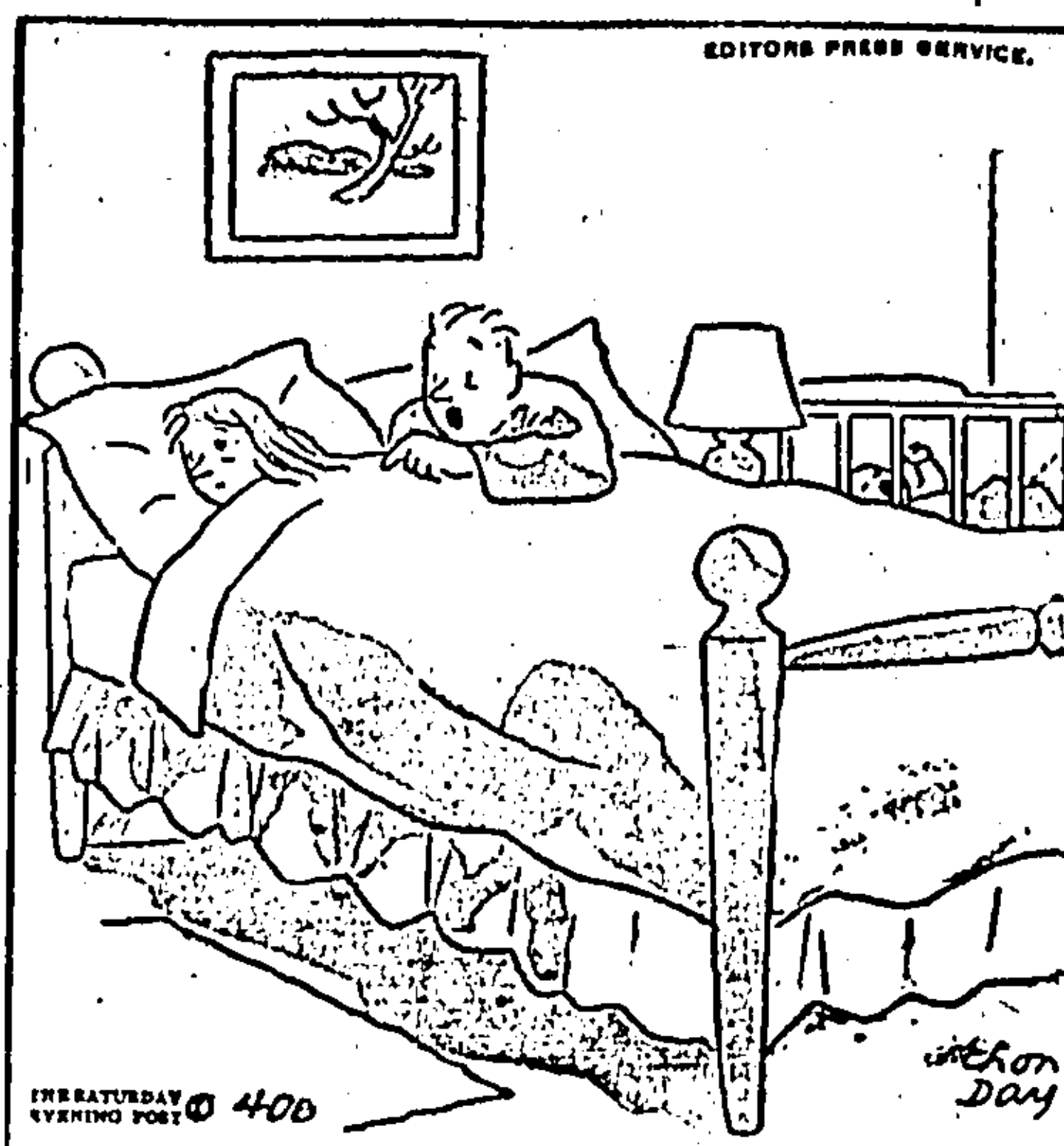
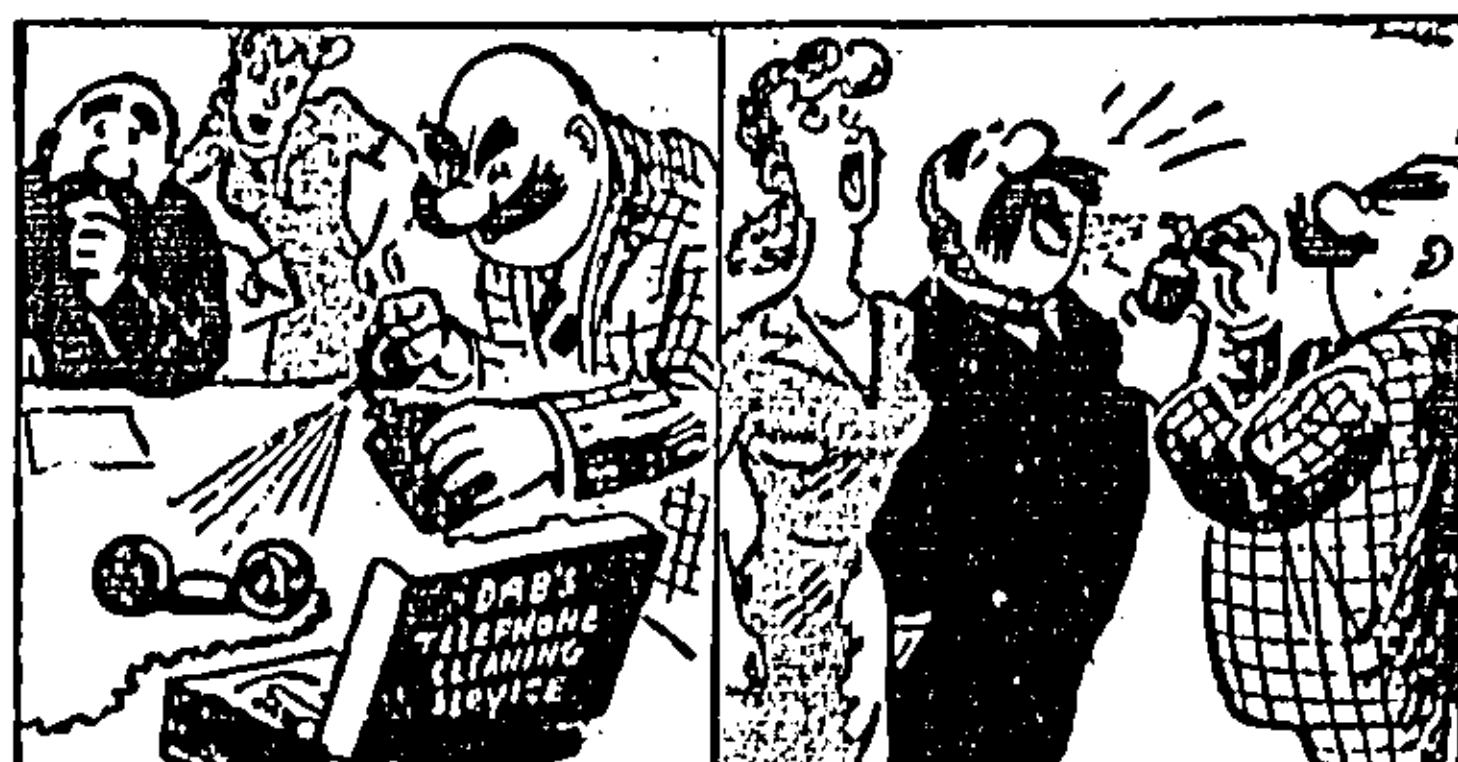
Salgon, Feb. 3.—A plan of "anti-Communist activity" was drawn up by a National Viet Nam Rally of delegates from Tongking, Annam and Cochinchina, at a meeting in Salgon yesterday.

The delegates of these three Indo-Chinese provinces will hold an important meeting early next week at Hue, capital of Annam.

The delegates agreed at the Salgon meeting that the future status of Viet Nam should be on the lines of the Indian Dominion's status, which they considered broader than mere administrative autonomy.

The delegates added that all religious organisations in northern Tongking had joined the Viet Nam National Rally, which was backing Bao Dai in his efforts to obtain Indo-Chinese independence and unity.—Reuter.

DAB AND FLOUNDER —by Walter



"The baby's crying. Want me to get up?"

Loans To China Would Only Cause Harm, U.S. Businessmen Told

New York, Feb. 3.—"Lending large sums of money to China under present circumstances would be a waste and a means of doing more harm than good," according to R. D. McManigal, Vice-President of Westinghouse Electric International Company, who recently returned from a Far East tour.

LAND REFORM IN JAPAN

SCAP RULING CHALLENGED

Tokyo, Feb. 3.—An attempt by Japanese landed interests to wreck Gen. MacArthur's land reform programme by challenging the constitutionality of Japanese laws passed under SCAP's land reform directives failed in its first test today.

The district court of Central Honshu Province ruled that the government system of buying up all large rural land holdings at a low fixed price for sale to former tenants does not violate the new constitution's protection of the rights of private property.

The court test was the first open challenge of laws passed by the Japanese Diet under direct orders of Gen. MacArthur.

Filing of the suit raised the embarrassing question of whether the new Allied-sponsored constitution of Japan could be used to invalidate occupation reforms also ordered by the Supreme Commander.

More than 200 similar cases are now pending for a court ruling.—United Press.

COLONIALISM IS DEAD

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you, our allies, and we fought together.

"They have still a long way to go. The common man is far from being free from fear and want. In these parts of Indonesia where terrorists are still committing manslaughter, pillage and arson."

"The Indonesians and the Dutch have to fight this common foe in full co-operation. There is in the other places of the world, the powers of anarchy and disorder that try to prevent the peoples from recovering must be overcome."

"I am confident that these obstacles will be overcome, because the Indonesian peoples are determined to take up the responsibilities of democratic self-government as you and we understand it."

"We know that in our days no relationship between nations can be stable unless it is based on mutual consent and mutual effort. Therefore, we encourage them and we help them in their endeavour."

"Colonialism is dead. We do not disown our past and the proud achievements of bygone days. But a nation must be strong enough to make a new beginning. We shall be strong enough."

"What the peoples of the world need now is a new way of living together in a close partnership based on equality and mutual trust."

The broadcast was made from the Queen's bedroom in Amsterdam Palace, to which she is confined because of a slight cold.—Reuter.

"China must work out her own difficulties and we possibly should give as much assistance as we can, short of subsidising her with gifts and loans," McManigal told the Export Managers' Club of New York today.

"She has had so much experience under free giving of products and materials, as carried on by UNRRA, that she has almost begun to believe the United States must support her."

"It was reported that General Wedemeyer told Chiang Kai-shek he must clean the house of grafters. This is undoubtedly true, but Ambassador Stuart offered the opinion that graft in government circles would not disappear as long as these officials are so poorly paid and living costs so high, and that if Chinese economy could first be brought to a more normal state, this grafting would largely disappear."

"Difficulties Of Business"

"One has to be a virtual magician to do business in Shanghai under present circumstances. American businessmen told me they spent fully three-quarters of their time trying to unravel snarls which had developed through their dealings with the Export-Import Board. The other 25 percent is probably taken up in discussing aggravating differences with labour unions."

"The basic trouble with China—unless one attributes it to gross mismanagement—is civil war. Importing agencies in China are in a sad state of affairs. Exchange is distributed by majority vote at a meeting of the guild, and it is quite obvious that the old-time importers, who prewar were serious-minded, responsible representatives for various manufacturers, can at present be outwitted by newer fly-by-nights."

Turning to the Philippines, McManigal said the economic chaos in major portions of Asia made the Philippines "one part of the Far East where there seems to be a reasonable chance to do business and secure payments."

"Philippine Prospects"

"There will be a good sum in American dollars flowing to the Philippines in the next four or five years," he continued. "The Philippines will undoubtedly receive some loans of various kinds for various purposes. Her natural resources and agricultural products will all produce dollar revenue, and there will be preferential trade relations with the United States for the next 27 years."

"Roxas is, I believe, a competent leader and has at heart the development of the Philippines, although, of course, he is at the same time a very astute politician. I believe there is a bright future ahead for the Philippines and there will be a good market for American products—always, of course, within the capacity of a small country to absorb."—United Press.

Millions Strike

Stuttgart, Feb. 3.—As between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 German workers went on a 24-hour strike today protesting food shortages, great areas of the British-American occupation zone of Germany were paralysed.

Industrial life was at a standstill for thousands of square miles around Wittenberg-Baden.

"To the north, hundreds of towns and villages throughout the heavily industrial British zone were crippled by a mass walkout of clerical workers."—Associated Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Wilkie Collins. 2. Don Quixote's squire and servant. 3. The carp family. 4. 16-5 on each front paw and 4 on each back paw. 5. Between Greenland and Iceland. 6. In the bottomlands of the Mississippi River, on the Louisiana and Texas gulf coasts and in California.

Discussions For German "Trizonia"

Frankfurt, Feb. 3.—The negotiations between the British, American and French authorities on the future structure of the projected West German Federal Bank are regarded by responsible German politicians here as the chief reason for the delay in the proclamation of the "Frankfurt Charter."

The revised bi-zonal charter resulting from the economic decisions made at Frankfurt earlier in January was confidently expected to be proclaimed by the Americans and the British at the beginning of this week. The Bank, it was thought, was bound to play a vital role in any West German currency reform if four-power negotiations for a new unified German currency failed.

For this reason, the British and Americans, while willing to go ahead with bi-zonal administrative reorganisation without waiting for the French, were believed to be anxious for French zone participation in the Federal Bank to avoid the monetary fragmentation of Western Germany.

Removal Of Barriers

The general scheme for the development of tri-zonal co-operation to be discussed at the London three-power conference in a fortnight's time, is believed to be that to hasten to a full merger of the French zone with the Anglo-American bi-zone, but to effect a gradual removal of barriers and assimilation of the administrative structures.

The first stage would be to assure full freedom of movement for both goods and persons over the zonal frontiers, thus assisting economic before political unification.

In this context, agreement on the future Central Bank of "Trizonia" is regarded as a high priority issue.

While the Anglo-Americans have only consulted the French on the political and administrative aspects of bi-zonal reform they are, according to German sources, actually negotiating with the French on the bank statute.

Main Difficulty

The main difficulty in these negotiations is understood to be the reappearance of the perennial argument between the federalists and the centralists.

The Anglo-American draft provided for a Board of Governors, entirely elected by the Governors of the various State banks. German experts have strongly urged the need for strengthening the element not tied to regional interests for the sake of a unified credit policy. They have suggested that half the Board should be appointed by the Governor-General of the Federal Bank.—Reuter.

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Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits and Siam (Sea) 3 p.m.
Batavia, Singapore & Hongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.

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Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.
Hongkong (Sea) Noon
Manila, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar (Sea) 1 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
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Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.

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